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Two Metro correspondents brave the wilds of king-size beds, fluffy pillows and Pinot Noir. Does this mean they lost their wilderness cred? PAGES 22 & 23

WELCOME HOME CHAMPS

Friends and family give the Calgary Stampede Showband a hero's welcome home at the Calgary International Airport Wednesday, as the 140-member team returned victorious from the World Association of Marching Showbands Championship in Chiba, Japan. After winning last year's championship as well, the Stampede Showband successfully defended its international title in 2013, becoming the first ever back-to-back winners, and bringing its championship count to four, also a world's best. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Overtime hours for police hit 30,000 amid flood crisis

Frontline effort. It's 'possible' province could cover expense

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Police logged tens of thousands of hours on the frontlines as destructive flood waters surged into the city in late June and members will be paid out a total of $3.6 million for their service.

But a spokesperson with the provincial municipal affairs ministry didn't commit fully Wednesday to covering that cost under its disaster-recovery program.

"They could certainly submit it as a possible, eligible expense," representative Cam Traynor said. "There would have to be a demonstration that the overtime was directly related to the floods."

In all, the Calgary police service spent 30,330 extra hours on the job from June 20, the day when water begin spilling over the banks of the Bow and Elbow Rivers, to July 20, according to figures provided Wednesday by the Calgary Police Commission.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said he believes the $3.6 million incurred in added costs by service members — who did everything from keeping 24-hour watch over restricted flood areas to pulling people from their homes as water rushed in — is included under the city's current working number of $20 million in overtime logged locally.

The mayor said the overtime bill would "typically" be covered by the province.

"We have applied to the province to fund all of that, and the unions have agreed they will take it in cash, not time off, and that's very important because the province will only fund cash out during the state of emergency," Nenshi noted.

It appears flood-related overtime was nearly double what police averaged per month in 2012, which saw 214,000 total additional hours of service paid out, or roughly 17,800 per month.

Mike Shaikh, Calgary Police Commission chair, said he encountered an officer on her 27th straight hour of duty.

"What surprised me was the smile she gave me," he said. "They were all happy to help when we needed them most."

Shaikh added he doesn't see a way around having the province cover the overtime.

Metro also attempted to obtain overtime figures related to the Calgary Fire Department, but spokesperson Shannon Carignan said the numbers would likely instead be included in a city committee report released next month.

Carignan added that she did not believe disaster recovery funding requests submitted to the province were guaranteed to be covered.

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Child sex offences. Ex-Calgary police officer charged

Police have laid charges against a former officer, alleging he committed child-related sex offences targeting a seven-year-old while off-duty in the early 1990s.

Stephen Laurence Huggett, now 59, was already sentenced to nine months behind bars in 2009 after pleading guilty to possession of child pornography. At the time, he attempted to claim the material was being used in an ongoing police investigation he was leading.

Huggett was charged again in January of possessing child porn, as well as sexual assault with a firearm, extortion and criminal harassment.

On Wednesday, police announced he now faces counts under the 1992 Criminal Code of Canada of invitation to sexual touching with a child under 14 and sexual interference with a child under 14.

The charges stem from allegations first brought forward to police in 2001.

Insp. Cliff O'Brien didn't rule out the potential for more charges against Huggett, who was a patrol officer at the time of the newly alleged crimes.

"It doesn't matter if you're a police officer, a retired police officer or what your occupation is, if you commit these crimes then we're going to continue to investigate. ... We will find you and we'll lay charges," he said.

Huggett is scheduled to appear in court on Thursday.

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Second penguin in two days dies at the Calgary Zoo

Two Humboldt penguins have died this week. COURTESY CALGARY ZOO

Another Humboldt penguin died late Tuesday night, the second death in as many days, Calgary Zoo officials say.

Three-year-old Juntos came to Calgary from the same zoo in Syracuse, N.Y., as Guillermo, another three-year-old penguin of the same species that died on Monday.

"I have conducted the post-mortem examinations on both penguins and, while we are waiting for confirmation, the results are most consistent with an infection caused by ... a disease that can affect both wild and captive bird populations, including penguins," Dr. Doug Whiteside, senior staff veterinarian at the Calgary Zoo, said in a release.

Test results would confirm the diagnosis, Whiteside added, "but in the meantime we are treating the remaining eight Humboldts and two gentoos that share the outdoor exhibit to do our best to prevent further losses."

Zoo officials said it's possible the Humboldts arrived in Calgary already carrying the disease, as it can be latent in the birds for months or even years and go undetected in quarantine testing.

The birds had also just completed their annual moult, Whiteside noted, during which time they can lose as much as 20 per cent of their body weight and become more vulnerable to infections.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Nenshi launches web campaign to up voting

Vote Pledge. Website to launch this week

After record voter turnout three years ago in the election that saw Naheed Nenshi take the mayor's chair, the incumbent is hoping an online campaign will encourage similar participation.

VotePledge.ca, expected to launch in the coming days, is aimed at getting Calgarians to make a commitment to mark the ballot on Oct. 21.

"There's two benefits of actually signing up; the first is, we'll remind you, we'll give you the information on where to vote and so on, and the second is we'll give you tools to help encourage your friends and family and neighbours to vote," Nenshi said Wednesday, explaining this is an initiative he's undertaking as a candidate for re-election, rather than as mayor.

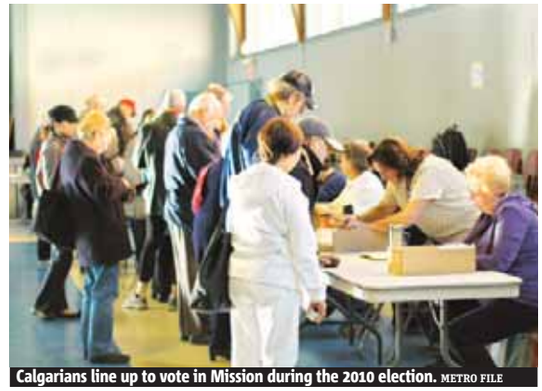
Better than chance

Voter turnout in 2010 was about 53 per cent.

"I think a grassroots movement to encourage voting will serve us all really well, regardless of who people vote for."

Thus far, there are five rumoured and declared candidates for mayor, including Nenshi, according to calgary-democracy.ca, which tracks municipal candidates. But Nenshi argues there's more than one race to watch.

"It's not one election … it's 29 different elections for council and school-board trustee and for Catholic school-board trustee and regardless of what happens in the mayor's race, those councillor elections and those trustee elections are really important," he said.



Calgarians line up to vote in Mission during the 2010 election. METRO FILE

Mount Royal University political-science professor Duane Bratt said this initiative is likely to appeal to a younger demographic but might not impact voter turnout significantly.

"There are very important ward races, but the fact is what drives voter turnout is the top of the ticket," he said. "I fear that without a competitive mayor's race, voter turnout is going to be abysmal."

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Major fire. Tenants displaced, some lose 'everything' in apartment blaze

No one was injured but dozens of residents of a southwest apartment block were unable to return home on Wednesday night after an afternoon fire that destroyed several suites and saw the building partially collapse.

"The ones that were on the top floor suffered significant damage," said fire Battalion Chief Allan Ball, adding that 16 apartments were affected by the fire.

Alvin Bali said his top-floor suite was completely destroyed and he lost "everything."

"This is what I have," he said, pointing to the clothes and the shoes he was wearing, while standing outside the smouldering building.

Bali said he called 911 twice, the second time at 1:42 p.m., and criticized what he described as a slow response time by the fire department.

Senior fire officials said they first received a call at 1:36 p.m. and firefighters were on the scene "within minutes," but wouldn't say exactly when.

Calgary Emergency Management Agency is assisting displaced residents.

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The fire was on Southampton Drive S.W. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Donations flood in as library exceeds fundraising goal

Calgarians donated as many as 360,000 books to the Calgary Public Library during a drive to replace items destroyed in the floods in June.

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A goal of 20,000 donated books, DVDs and CDs was blown out of the water during a drive to help replace items destroyed at Calgary's Central Library during the June floods.

To make up for the loss of thousands of items, the Calgary Public Library Foundation held a one-day event call 20,000 Books Under the Bow on July 27. The goal was to collect materials that could be sold online, with the money going to buying new, current items for the library's collection.

"We're going to be right around 9,000 boxes and they typically estimate anywhere from 20 to 40 (items) per box," said Paul McIntyre Royston, the foundation's executive director. "People were donating a box of books each … at least 5,000 people (did that). It could be even higher."

He said the goal was exceeded at least 10 times over, with as many as 360,000 items donated. "We can sort of translate it to about $1 a book. It's an incredible amount of money."

McIntyre Royston said the revenue has already begun to roll in from the online sales.

The annual collection budget for the library as a whole is about $6 million.

"This will add a significant amount to that," he said.

Book bonanza

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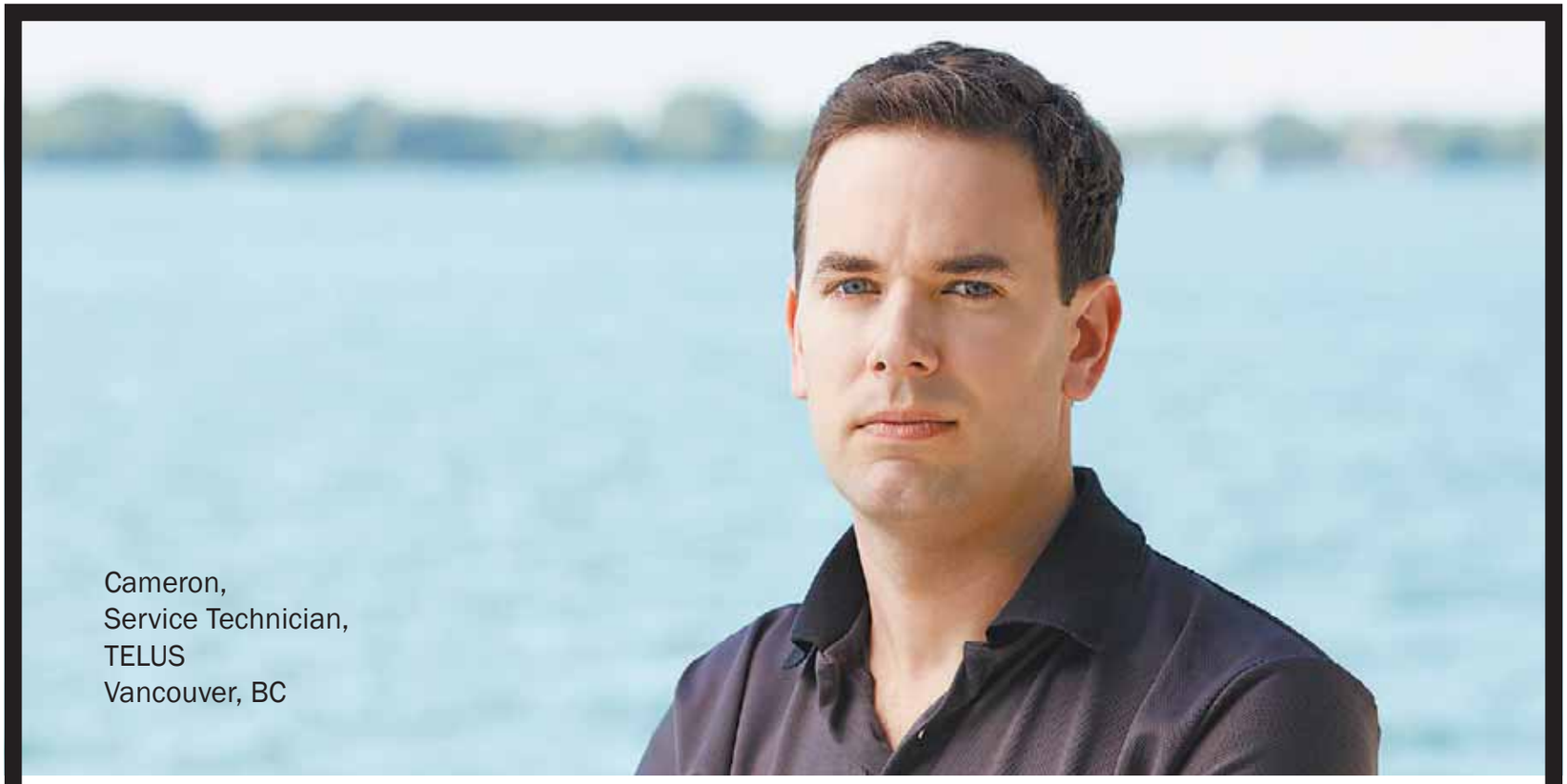

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Flood Aid mega-buck version of barn raising

Flood Rebuilding Fund. Organizers of fund-raising concert say they expect to raise more than $1M

Comedian Brent Butt is calling it the musical equivalent of an old-fashioned barn raising.

A fundraising concert for Alberta flood relief is expected to draw 30,000 to Calgary's McMahon Stadium Thursday to hear such blockbuster Canadian acts as Nickelback, Jann Arden, Randy Bachman, Tom Cochrane, Matthew Good and Corb Lund.

Butt has agreed to be the master of ceremonies for the event which organizers believe could raise $2 million for flood relief.

"I think it's going to allow people to be celebratory in a way — it's not like a memorial. In a way it's a big shiny, modern, multimillion-dollar version of an old Prairie barn raising," Butt said.

The main organizer of the event, Peter Jurisic, said the show will run a total of five hours and still, a number of performers had to be turned away.

"It's great talent. It's diverse. It's world class. It's homegrown. We're going to have some unique collaborations on stage," Jurisic said.

Lund, who grew up in southern Alberta, has already played a number of flood benefits. "It's home for me. If I had a vacuum truck I'd do that, but all I can do is sing and you've got to help how you can," Lund said.

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Nickelback opens the Juno Awards show in Ottawa, April 1, 2012. The band will play a fundraising concert Thursday in Calgary. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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River Café. Restaurant reopens with celebration, call to support local shops

The lone business on Prince's Island opened their doors for the first time Wednesday since floodwaters covered the park two months ago.

Nearly eight weeks to the day, the River Café was finally open for business and celebrated by inviting Calgarians to the park for a community photo as they held a big "Open" sign.

"It's emotional. We've been closed for 52 days." said Sal Howell, proprietor of the River Café.

"The picture of the restaurant surrounded by water was seen by many … and what we wanted to do was create an image that represented this amazing outpouring of support that we've seen and has been demonstrated in our community," she said.

Prior to the photo, Mayor Naheed Nenshi told the crowd it's important to keep that support for businesses going even though the flood is long over.

"Our goal needs to be that not one business shuts it's doors because of this flood," he said, assigning Calgarians some homework. "For the rest of this year, go out a lot. Eat a lot, drink and shop and spend money, and do that particularly to businesses that have been impacted by the flood."

KATIE TURNER/METRO

Dozens of Calgarians came to Prince's Island Park Wednesday to take part in a photo celebrating the reopening of the island's only business, nearly two months after the flood. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Deerfoot Trail

Man who exposed himself sought

Calgary police are asking the public for help locating a man believed to have exposed himself on two separate occasions to the same woman. In both cases, the man dismounted a bike and removed his shorts, but made no attempt to talk to or approach the woman, according to police. The suspect is described as Caucasian, 50-60 years old with fairly tanned — possibly oiled skin. METRO

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Youth employment centre to reopen

Youth looking for work will once again be able to use the Youth Employment Centre, shuttered early this summer by flooding. With repairs to the Alberta Trade Centre completed ahead of schedule, the YEC will re-open Aug. 20 in its 315 10 Avenue S.E. location. It's open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, Monday to Friday. For more information visit nextsteps.org or call 311.

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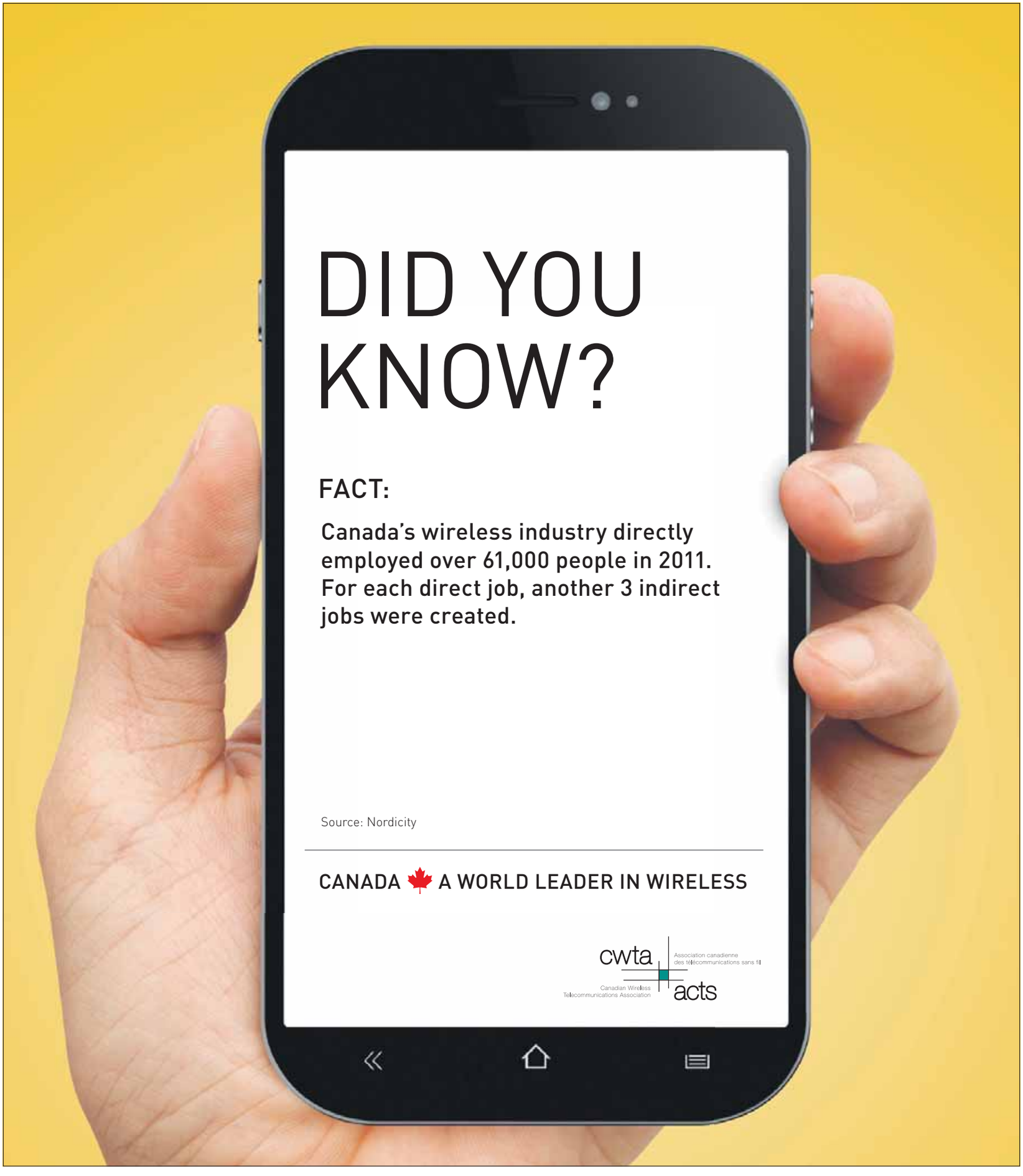
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‘God have mercy’: Egypt toll soars

Deadly work

A cameraman for British broadcaster Sky News and a Dubai-based newspaper reporter were killed during the violence in Egypt on Wednesday.

- **The snapper.** Sky said Mick Deane, 61, was shot and wounded while covering the violent breakup of protest camps in Cairo. He died soon after.
- **The reporter.** Habiba Ahmed Abd Elaziz, 26, was shot in Cairo.
- **In Ottawa.** NDP foreign affairs critic Paul Dewar said the Harper government should insist that Egypt tell its military to stop the crackdown. “Canada must work with international partners and urge the interim government to direct the army to show restraint,” Dewar added.

State of emergency. Running street battles sweep the country as supporters of ousted president battle security forces

The world looked on in shock Wednesday as searing violence engulfed Egypt.

Running street battles broke out in Cairo and other cities as a state of emergency was declared.

The white heat of anger flared when riot police backed by armoured vehicles, bulldozers and helicopters swept away two encampments of supporters of ousted President Mohammed Morsi.

And the death toll rose inexorably: At least 278 people were killed nationwide.

Canada called for calm while Egyptian Canadians watched in horror from a distance. Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird expressed deep concern and called on Egypt to implement much-needed changes to ease tensions.

Canada supports “a transparent democratic system that respects the voices of its citizens, and that encourages and respects civil society and all other segments of the population,” Baird said.

Such a system would restore calm and give all Egyptians a stake in the country’s future stability and prosperity, he added.

All day Wednesday, pictures and video images of the violence could be seen on the Facebook site Egyptian Canadians For Democracy.

One video posted on the page showed footage of body bags lined up on a sidewalk.

Another post read: “God have mercy on Egypt.”

It was the deadliest day in Egypt since the 2011 revolution against Morsi’s predecessor, Hosni Mubarak, began.

Meanwhile, Vice-President Mohamed ElBaradei, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, resigned in protest over the violence.

He said he was not prepared to be held responsible for “a single drop of blood.”

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A supporter of ousted Islamist president Mohammed Morsi shoots a gun toward police during a sit-in in Cairo on Wednesday. MANU BRABO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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WikiLeaks. Soldier sorry for biggest-ever U.S. leak

U.S. soldier Bradley Manning apologized Wednesday for hurting his country at his sentencing hearing in the WikiLeaks case, pleading with a military judge for a chance to become a productive citizen.

He addressed the court after testimony about his troubled childhood and the extreme psychological pressure that experts said he felt in the "hypermasculine" military because of his gender-identity disorder — his feeling he was a woman trapped in a man's body. One psychiatrist said Manning has symptoms of fetal alcohol syndrome and Asperger syndrome.

Manning's attorneys contend he showed clear signs of deteriorating mental health that should have precluded him from handling classified information in a war zone.

The soldier said that he understood what he was doing but did not believe that leaking a mountain of classified information would cause harm.

His tone was at odds with the statement he gave in February, when he condemned the U.S. military's "bloodlust."

The leaks included a video of a 2007 U.S. helicopter attack that killed civilians in Iraq, including a Reuters news photographer and his driver.

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Andrew MacDougall

Harper spokesman leaving with laugh

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's director of communications is stepping down to take a job in the U.K. with one of the world's largest communications firms, Publicis Groupe.

Andrew MacDougall's trademark humour was clearly intact in a letter circulated Wednesday within the Prime Minister's Office.

"To my team, thank you for letting me be your boss. On most days you made me look good, except when you screwed up and made yourselves look bad," he wrote.

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Tory rivals leap on audit to rebuke Senate, Harper

New Democrat MP Paul Dewar calls for an end to the Senate alongside fellow MP Nycole Turmel on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pam Wallin freefallin'.

Travel expenses used to attack PM's judgment, Senate's right to exist

With the Senate expense scandal burning ever brighter, the Conservative government's rivals wasted little time Wednesday making political hay out of a scathing audit of Sen. Pamela Wallin's travel claims.

The New Democrats amplified their long-standing call to abolish the Senate, while the Liberals accused Prime Minister Stephen Harper of showing poor judgment when he vouched for Wallin's expense claims earlier this year.

"In terms of Sen. Wallin, I have looked at the numbers," Harper told the House of Commons in February. "Her travel costs are comparable to any parliamentarian travelling from that particular area of the country over that period of time."

The Prime Minister's Office says Harper was only talking about Wallin's overall travel costs, not her individual claims.

The Harper government has no choice but to abolish "this institution that was created before we had electricity," said the NDP's Paul Dewar, reprising a long-held New Democrat credo.

"It's not just about the claims and if they're legitimate. It's about, 'Is this body legitimate,' and we don't think it is," Dewar said.

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New Democrat MP Paul Dewar on the Senate

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David Hilder
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Cat DNA sends U.K. killer to jail

Database. Feline hair found on victim traced to neighbour's cat

A British university said Wednesday its DNA database of British felines helped convict a man of manslaughter.

The Veterinary Genetics Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, has used animal DNA to catch criminals for more than a decade. Investigators in Britain tapped the lab to identify the cat hair discovered around the dismembered torso of David Guy, 30, who was found hidden in a trash bag on a British beach in July 2012. Detectives matched the hair to a cat belonging to the man's friend David Hilder, but because the genetic material was mitochondrial DNA — which can be shared among a large number of animals — the strength of the match couldn't be known.

Quoted

"The 10 million cats in the U.K. are unwittingly tagging the clothes and furnishings in more than a quarter of households." Jon Wetton, University of Leicester.

Jon Wetton from the University of Leicester was asked to create a repository of cat DNA for the Hilder case, gathering samples of mitochondrial DNA from 152 felines across England. "Only three of the samples obtained matched the hairs from the crime scene," Wetton said.

However, a host of additional evidence — including traces of Guy's blood discovered at Hilder's residence in southern England — was enough to secure the 47-year-old's conviction. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Police use Twitter, too.
Mr. Lube dude's tweet for weed quickly goes to pot

Canadian Twitter user Sunith Baheerathan's tweet requesting prospective marijuana sellers to bring some of their wares to a Mr. Lube location in a Toronto suburb has turned into a job hunt.

That location was Baheerathan's place of employment until Tuesday, according to both the company and Baheerathan's own tweets.

"Any dealers in Vaughan wanna make a 20sac chop? Come to Keele/Langstaff Mr. Lube, need a spliff," Baheerathan wrote.

The tweet went viral when it caught the eye of local police. "Awesome! Can we come too?" read a retort from the York Regional Police's official Twitter feed.

Moments later the Twitter exchange was a trending topic in Toronto. Shortly after that, Baheerathan found himself looking for work.

"Just got the call of termination," he tweeted.

"I've lost complete hope in society man. There's killers/rapists/people missing and all they care about is a dude asking for weed," he wrote in another tweet.

"Gotta watch what you tweet nowadays, even the freedom of speech & the right to an entitled opinion isn't safe," read another. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A marijuana plant flourishes under grow lights at a warehouse in Denver, Colo. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Toilet-cleaner IEDs

Beauty queen has a blast but forced to give up crown

A U.S. beauty pageant winner charged with tossing homemade bombs from a vehicle has relinquished her crown.

Kendra McKenzie Gill says she and her friends feel terrible about the incident, but she insists they were just playing a practical joke and never threw the explosives at people.

Gill and three friends were charged last week with four felony counts of possession of an explosive device. Prosecutors say the 18-year-olds drove around town Aug. 2 and tossed plastic bottles of toilet-bowl cleaner and shrapnel at people and property.

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Thai villagers block Google Street View car

Tech trouble. Residents thought cameras were secretly surveying area for proposed dam

Internet giant Google's Street View project, which has raised privacy concerns in several countries, has ignited a minor uproar in northern Thailand where villagers suspected its cameras were surveying for an unwanted dam project.

Google's regional communications manager Taj Meadows said Wednesday that the company was aware of the incident in Sa-eab village in Phrae province, in which about 20 residents blocked a Google camera-equipped car. Google's project takes photos to accompany its Google Earth map program.

The Manager newspaper reported that the villagers took the vehicle's driver to a local office to quiz him, then to a temple where they made him swear on a statue of Buddha that he was not working for the dam project.

A Google camera is carried on a Florida beach. The Street View project caused a spat in Thailand when villagers thought the cameras were secretly surveying for a dam.
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The Prachatai news website said the villagers released the driver and later apologized to him and to Google. Sa-eab village, 615 kilometres north of Bangkok, is known for its long-running dam protests by villagers and environmental groups.

"(We) apologize to the official, to Google, as well as to the Thai people throughout the nation and to the citizens of the world," the villagers' representatives wrote.

They explained that they were "extremely worried and there had been so many repeated cases that convinced the villagers to believe someone was trying to survey the area in disguise."

Google Street View has run into problems in some other countries where there are concerns it captures too much information that should be private. The project's technology also scoops up Wi-Fi radio signals, and Britain's data regulator in June ordered the company to delete personal data it gathered that way, or face a contempt of court action.

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Recession. For some EU firms, recovery's already underway

Minube, a travel startup on the outskirts of Madrid, is doing something that many Spanish companies haven't thought about for years — it's hiring.

The company, which sells bookings as it helps travellers share their experiences using social media, has nearly doubled its headcount from 17 at the end of last year to 30. Business is booming as customers come in from across Europe — including some places hardest hit by Europe's economic crisis.

"We're finally starting to see a bigger growth curve in Spain, and the strong growth in Italy has been a surprise," Minube's co-founder, Pedro Jareno, said. "The improvements we are starting to see in the market are constant."

That brighter — or less gloomy — backdrop was confirmed in figures Wednesday, which showed that the longest-ever recession to afflict the eurozone came to an end in the second quarter of the year.

Eurostat, the European Union's statistics office, said the 17 EU countries that use the euro saw their collective economic output increase by 0.3 per cent in the April to June period from the previous quarter.

That's the first quarterly growth since the eurozone slipped into recession in the last three months of 2011.

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Chris Pearrow works in the Madrid office of Minube, an internet travel agency startup, on Tuesday. At Minube, something unusual is happening — they're hiring. PAUL WHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Amazing $#!@& Race

BodyBreak guru admits she cussed

BodyBreak fitness guru Joanne McLeod has issued a statement admitting she used a swear word during Monday's episode of The Amazing Race. McLeod and partner Hal Johnson, known to Canadians for their sunny TV family fitness vignettes, were eliminated from the series after an arduous test in Regina this week. During the episode, McLeod seemed to drop an F-bomb. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The Beaver Examiner brings you the latest fake news: **Alleged Drug Dealer in Photo Mortified to Appear with Rob Ford**

A 25-year-old man facing drug-trafficking charges who appears in a newly distributed photo with Toronto Mayor Rob Ford says he is "deeply embarrassed" by it. "I'd like to apologize to my family, gang, and to anyone else I might have offended," said the man, who spoke to The Beaver Examiner on condition of anonymity. "I pose for a lot of photos, and if I had known it was Rob Ford, I would have politely declined." The uproar recalls a controversy last year when Ford appeared in a photo with a white supremacist. The supremacist later apologized.

'Bizarre' Viral Video Shows Rob Ford Working at Some Sort of White-Collar Job

Saying they've "never seen anything like it," millions of Internet users have watched a new video that shows controversy-prone Rob Ford working away at some sort of bureaucratic job. Vancouver resident Rob Blumer says he has watched the video, Zoning Amendment SD-97, on YouTube a dozen times. "It's bizarre," Blumer said. "I clicked it waiting to see Ford say something crazy, but he just stands there, talking with other guys in suits. It looks like he's in, like, a meeting hall." Blumer said. Ford never swears, walks into anything or falls over despite the video's length of almost 11 minutes. "I don't know what it means," Blumer said. "Maybe it's performance art."

Stephen Harper Resigns After Doing Any One Thing Rob Ford Has Done

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has resigned in disgrace after doing any one thing that Toronto Mayor Rob Ford has done. Exact details are still sketchy, but it's believed Harper may have lied about a DUI conviction, used his staff for personal business, threatened a couple at a hockey game, been accused of smoking crack, or said cyclists who die have only themselves to blame. "Whatever it is that he did, this is an unprecedented controversy for Harper and I see no way for him to recover from it," said political scientist Martin Lye. "No politician can do any one thing Rob Ford has done and still be electable."

'Fiscal Record What's Important,' Doug Ford Says as he Chases Incoherent, Naked Rob Ford Through Shopping Centre

Coun. Doug Ford launched a spirited defence of his brother Rob Ford's record Friday while frantically searching for the mayor in a downtown shopping centre where he had last been seen running naked and repeatedly yelling "Woo!" Lashing out at assembled media, Doug Ford said that reporters were only focusing on Rob Ford because he had apparently set his clothes on fire before running around the blaze in a circle shouting "Let's party!" — forgetting that he had saved the city "more than a billion" dollars. "You can't attack us on our record, so you attack us just because he's over there skinny-dipping in the coin fountain." As he propped up his brother from the fountain, Doug Ford noted that his brother had retrieved 45 cents on behalf of taxpayers.

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Rescued seals make their way home

Tim Fetting, left, and Peter Lienau from the Seehundstation Norddeich release young seals on the beach of the islands of Juist on Wednesday near Norddeich, Germany. The Seehundstation Norddeich is a facility for raising young seals who were separated from their mothers due to storms, disease or human disturbance and who would otherwise have little chance of survival.

Volunteers collect about 90 young seals a year from the North Sea German coast and care for the pups until they weigh about 25 kilograms before releasing them back into the wild. Sponsors pay for the costs of caring for the seals and get to name them. GETTY IMAGES

A zookeeper feeds herring to young seals in the Seehundstation.
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Sorry kids, I got to go

- Four to 50 days is the length of time true seals (pictured) suckle their pups.
- This is because their feeding ground is usually far from shore, so after lactation the mother will dash, foraging to replenish depleted energy.

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A tragedy happened in Egypt Wednesday, and the situation there is unlikely to improve soon. If you want a closer look at what's happening, here are three Twitter handles worth following.

Supporters of ousted Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi run from Egyptian security in Cairo on Wednesday.
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Andy Carvin (@acarvin):

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Heba Morayef (@hebamorayef):

The Egypt director for Human Rights Watch is on the ground in Cairo, where she regularly posts updates from field hospitals and protest sites.

Comments

RE: Ladies, If You've Ever Tried To Get Your Man To Care About Home Decor, Be Careful What You Wish For, published Aug. 13

This article did nothing but state the perfectly obvious: cohabitation means compromise. But the title reads like, "Ladies, make sure you don't get your man interested in decor, because you won't get your way."

I find the piece rather rude, and it's more of a blog update on Jessica's personal living situation than offering couples any practical or emotional advice of *how* to work out a compromise. Sorry that you went to all that trouble to force your partner's opinion out of him, only to find he disagrees with you.

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@metropicks asked: Volvo's technology detects cyclists and stops if needed. Is it the solution to cyclist fatalities?

@WilMcQueen: Lowering cyclist deaths can be achieved by cyclists not being self-righteous a—holes, weaving, red-light runners.

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No picnics but lots of reggae

All for love.
International festival gets lots of praise from big-name acts

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The Calgary International Reggae Festival is a labour of love for its organizers.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, ReggaeFest has grown into a popular grassroots cultural event, featuring some of the best in national and international reggae music, as well as showcasing Caribbean arts, crafts and food.

But co-founder Leo Cripps admits ReggaeFest has had some serious growing pains during the past decade. In fact, he'd be happy to erase the festival's first and fifth years from his memory.

"These two years are unmentionable," he says with a laugh.

"In year five we decided to do a 10-day event. We did a picnic and fed 4,000 people. But then the food ran out. The word 'picnic' isn't allowed to be spoken around us anymore. It was one of those events where we're like, 'We're never repeating that.'"

As for the inaugural year in 2004, Cripps says it was a financial disaster, due largely to the inexperience of organizers.

"We had an almost $60,000 debt after the first year," Cripps recalls.

"Most of it was personal debts to ourselves. And in order to get our funds back, we had to continue (the festival.)"

The group managed to clear itself of debt within five years, but the festival has still had to face the odd unexpected financial cost. Two years ago, for example, ReggaeFest had to deal with headliner Freddie McGregor, who still had not secured a work visa just days before he was booked to play.

"We had to jump through a lot of hoops to get it resolved," says Cripps.

"We also had to charter a plane from Kingston, Jamaica to Montego Bay in order for him to catch a flight to Calgary. The blood pressure was definitely up, ... but we knew what kind of show he put on and that show pretty much justified what we had to do to get him here."

Having learned from past mistakes, Cripps says ReggaeFest is regarded as one of the highest quality reggae music festivals in the world.

Many past headliners have requested to perform again and positive word of mouth has meant organizers don't have to chase acts.

"We've heard about Jamaican artists bragging that Calgary is the best festival they've ever played," Cripps explains proudly. "We're not the biggest festival, ... but it's great to hear that Calgary ReggaeFest is one of the best they've ever been to. A heck of a lot has changed. We're not the laughing stock anymore."

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Ford isn't as scary as he is on screen

Interview. He has a reputation now for being impatient with poor interviewers, but it's not half as scary as his role in the new thriller Paranoia

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News

Harrison Ford, left, enjoyed playing the villain role in Paranoia. CONTRIBUTED

Harrison Ford isn't as terrifying to talk to as you might have heard. Over the years he's gotten a reputation as gruff, pissy, overly succinct and transparently wishing he was somewhere else. This isn't completely untrue — as long as your questions aren't too dumb, and especially if they aren't about Star Wars or Indiana Jones. Now 71, he's relaxed into supporting or at least co-lead roles, which he continues as one of the villains in the tech world thriller Paranoia. And though we were too scared to ask him about his involvement in the next Star Wars entry, we did get some information on his newest flick.

Paranoia touches on some important issues: income gaps, greed, health insurance. Were these what drew you to the film?
No. I was drawn to the character and the relationships, and the manipulation of an ambitious young person by two powerful businessmen. The cat and mouse of the whole thing is what interested me — and the opportunity to play a character different from what I've played lately. I haven't played the bad guy for a very long time.

He's not just a stock villain, though. He actually seems, for a time, genuine.
That's what I liked about it. He's a manipulator. And he has a ripe one on his plate. What interested me was the complexity here. There's not only corporate greed and perfidy; there's a young man who has a bit of the blind ambition issue. So he's ripe for manipulation.

What did you do that was different for you?
I shaved my head. I shaved my hairline back and dyed my hair for 42. There was no way it was going to grow out in time to be useful. So I presented myself to Paramount people with a shaved head, much to their surprise.

What's fun about playing a villain?
It's just something different. It's something unexpected for the audience. I'm just happy to have fun.

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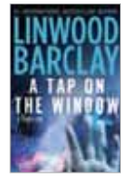

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★ 7.	ROSE HARBOR IN BLOOM Debbie Macomber	-	-
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9.	THE GUTS Roddy Doyle	9	1
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14.	THE CASUAL VACANCY J.K. Rowling	5	3
15.	INFERNO Dan Brown	7	12
16.	WILD Cheryl Strayed	16	20
17.	LET'S EXPLORE DIABETES WITH OWLS David Sedaris	17	17
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It took some persuading, but Oprah's baaack!

The Butler. Winfrey talks about why she decided to do her first film since 1998 and why this role is important for her

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News

There was one major reason Oprah Winfrey returned to screen acting for her most prominent role since 1998's Beloved — and his name is Lee.

Winfrey worked with director/producer Lee Daniels behind the scenes of his breakout work, Precious, which she also executive produced. She was coerced in front of the camera for his fourth directorial work, Lee Daniels' The Butler, playing the wife of a man (Forest Whittaker) who works at the White House from the 1950s through the '80s.

"I wanted the opportunity to be in his hands, really," she says, adding he was relentless in pursuing her. "I was telling him, 'Lee, I got a network thing going on. But he wouldn't listen to me. He'd been stalking me for some time."

Of course, there was also the subject. The film spans the beginning of the civil rights movement and ends with Obama's election.

"I'm a historian of my own history — of African American history. I believe that when you know who you are, you have the ability to move forward not only with your own strength, but with the strength of your entire ancestry," Winfrey says.

While specifically about black culture — and in a way that doesn't portray it through white eyes, despite a Caucasian screenwriter (Danny Strong) — the film is also, she says, universal.

"You see the two of us at the bus station sending our son off to college. That's how every parents, regardless of race, regardless of economic background, feel when you have to let go of your son."

There's also her character: the long-suffering wife of a workaholic.

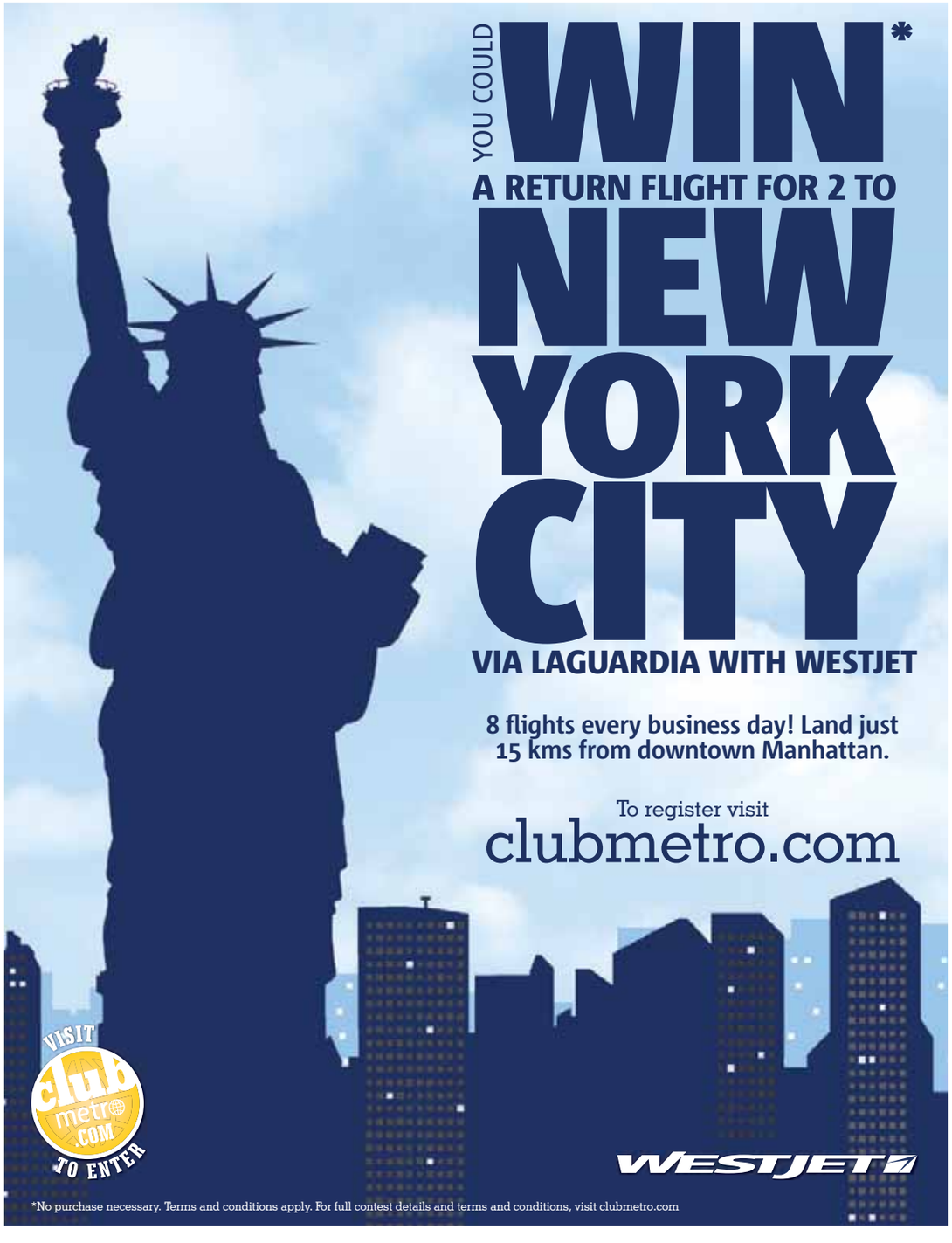
"I thought a lot about what it meant to be a woman in the '50s and '60s. All of us got a lot of fire inside us. What is it like to have that fire but have nothing to do with it? You can't just sit around watching Edge of Night all day long, make a sandwich, have a beer, tiptoe with the next-door neighbour," Winfrey explains. "This gave me the opportunity to show the women of that era. Gloria, for me, is not just herself but a composite of the women of the era, who sacrificed herself to become the stabilizing force of her family."

In terms of race relations today, Winfrey doesn't feel like she has a side she shows white — or black — audiences.

"I feel I have made a living being myself. I've made a career out of my own authenticity. I don't have one face I present to the white world or to the black world. I talk to my dogs the same way I'm speaking right now."

But she understands that her being able to feel that way was heard-earned, by others.

"I am the daughter of a maid, and my grandmother was a maid, and her mother was a maid, and her mother was a slave," she says. "I feel validated by the war that the butler and his entire generation fought in their own way. And the fact that there's another generation of freedom writers and freedom fighters that, because of evolution and growth and change, decided they weren't going to do that anymore. Both wars were necessary for their times."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Oprah Winfrey as Gloria Gaines and Forest Whitaker as Cecil Gaines star in The Butler. ANNE MARIE FOX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Overtime with Winfrey

A few extra comments from Oprah Winfrey

- **On her notoriety.** "Contrary to what everyone assumes about me, I'm really not a control freak. I like to hire someone who knows what they're doing so I don't (have) to do it. Then they come back to me and tell me it's done. That's how I like to operate."
- **On her director.** "What is exciting about him and why we love him is he is a truth seeker. He will not let any of his actors get away with a single breath that's a false moment. I can testify to that."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Angelina Jolie and Jennifer Aniston METRO PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

Once feuding stars avoid 11 hours of first class airline awkwardness

Angelina Jolie and Jennifer Aniston nearly had 11 hours of awkward silences as they were both booked in the first class section of a British Airways flight from L.A. to London Sunday, but Aniston reportedly moved her flight to the next day at the last minute, according to Us Weekly.

"Whether it was because Angelina was on the Sunday flight, we don't really know, but she did change it," a source at the airline says. "The airline has VIP greeters who do chat about this sort of thing and may have informed each other of the (Aniston-Jolie) conflict, but nobody can say for sure."

The Word

Three big red Xs for Cowell after Electra breakup

While Lauren Silverman's reported pregnancy is making Simon Cowell's life more complicated, it's not the first time his involvement with Silverman has made waves in the X Factor boss' personal life.

Cowell's dalliances with Silverman reportedly put an end to his fledgling "hot and heavy" romance with Carmen Electra, according to E! News. "Carmen was at Simon's house in L.A. when she literally busted him with Lauren," a source says.

"Simon called her a friend, but there was nothing platonic about what was going on, if you know what I mean."

According to the source, Electra quickly called off her relations with Cowell. "There was no way she was going to stick around and be a third wheel," the source says.

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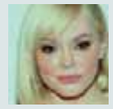

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Garner joins privacy fight for celeb kids everywhere

Jennifer Garner is joining Halle Berry in pushing for a California bill that would make it illegal for paparazzi to photograph their children. "I chose a public life. My three children are private citizens," Garner said while testifying before the California State Assembly Committee on Public Safety in support of the proposed anti-paparazzi bill, according to E! News. "I love my kids. They're beautiful and sweet and innocent, and I don't want a gang of shouting, arguing, lawbreaking photographers who camp out everywhere we are all day, every day, to continue traumatizing my kids."

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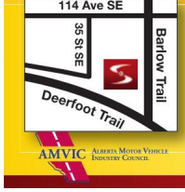

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Talk to the T: Say it loud, say it stylish with a graphic shirt

Stay on top of this fashion craze. Comics, creatures and credos are covering your fave back-to-school staple this fall

The T-shirt and graphic shirts are one of fashion's most basic items, but even with today's popular slim cuts, there's wiggle room to change up the style. That can be pretty important to the kids and teenagers who practically live in them but like to feel that they have something new when they go back to school.

This year's news comes in next-generation graphics, old-school characters and witty or powerful phrases.

"The best and most memorable graphic Ts throughout the years are the ones that capture the pulse of that time," says Tana Ward, senior vice-president and chief merchandising officer for American Eagle.

Because of the price — and frequency of wear — T-shirt trends also can move quickly because they aren't intended as long-term investment pieces.

"This is an affordable fashion change," says Seventeen fashion director Gina Kelly.

"Graphics are really, really big in the teenage market, and so is nostalgia," Kelly says.

"At 16, a girl understands irony, and that makes it cool to do some things. You also have T-shirt companies borrowing from the runways like Givenchy, and that's where you'll see space prints, high-fashion prints — and photo-realism prints are definitely big, too."

It's all about image and messaging, which this generation is very comfortable with, she says. "It's about affirmation on your chest. You are making your statement, whether you are making fun of designers with a 'Celine as Celfie' shirt or saying you loved Hello Kitty when you were in kindergarten."

The heavily logoed look also is passé, says AE's Ward. "Today, our customer is focused on projecting a personal identity. ... Our girl is also much more aware of the artistic side of graphic design and how it adds texture and interest to her outfit."

All she needs is a circle mini skirt and a pair of printed jeans (two other popular back-to-school items this year), and she is good to go, says Kelly.

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Zip! Boom! Pow!

Betsy Zanjani of Forever 21 points to the comics craze — taking note of the pop culture phenomenon that Comic-Con has become — as one of the strongest influence on T-shirts.

- Forever 21 has opened in-store Marvel Comics shops as the retailer noted "an almost cult following of old-school comic strips and vintage action figures," she says. "Things that are vintage and retro are really strong in both our male and female businesses."

How to makeup for your masculine ensemble

If you're slipping into a tweed blazer, an oversized cardigan or a sleek women's tux this fall, the right beauty look is the perfect accessory to complete your menswear-inspired outfit.

The choice is yours to do a 180-degree turn and go with hyper-girlie, or stay strictly tomboy. Either can complement the more masculine clothing silhouettes.

Makeup with menswear is a little more important than other styles because with a neutral, muted palette of greys, blacks and browns, "you want to have a little life to your face, a little health and vigour," says Linda Wells, Allure magazine's editor-in-chief.

When suiting up in this fall trend, women have choices for their beauty look, she says. "Are you going to exaggerate the menswear look and play it up fully, or are you going to offset it with something feminine?" Wells says.

To soften menswear staples like grey flannel and houndstooth, which are so often fashioned into tailored items, add femininity by playing up the eyes or lips, experts advise, but not both at the same time so your features don't compete.

"You want to add feminine flair throughout the face if you can't have it on the body through the clothing," says Myiesha Sewell, a Sephora Pro makeup artist.

For a ladylike touch, Wells envisions soft hair with a little wave to it falling over the forehead along with a rich burgundy lipstick, or dark, smoky eyes featuring grey eye shadow, eyeliner and lots of mascara. "Who doesn't want to be a femme fatale?" she says of the "sexy androgyny" combination of feminine makeup and menswear.

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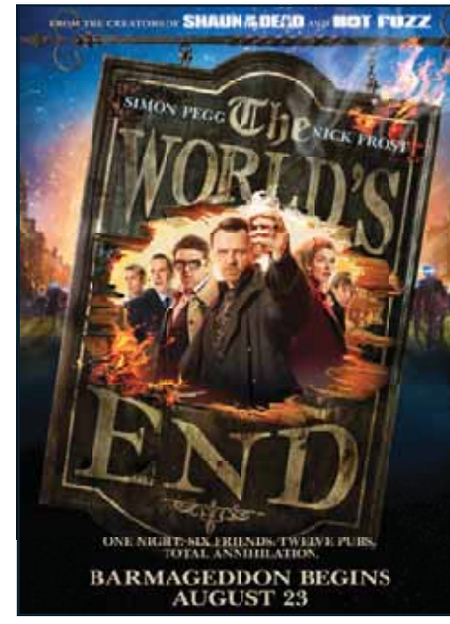
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There is no definitive glamping experience, with accommodations ranging from simple tents to extravagant stays costing $10,000. From left: REO Rafting in B.C., Fireside Resort in Wyoming and Clayoquot Wilderness Resort in B.C. CONTRIBUTED

What on yurt is this?

Glamping. Like regular camping's cousin, but with more glitter

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You're lying in your tent, a little thirsty.

If you throw on your boots and head to the pot of purified water by the fire pit — you're camping.

If you ring the bell on your bedside table and ask the butler for a wine spritzer — you're glamping.

Glamping — glamorous meets camping — is the kind of vacation that straddles two worlds: The rugged outdoors and keep-your-hands-clean comfort of home.

"The idea started when the British would go down to Africa for safaris and they would have their big luxurious canvas tents, pack a bed," said Ruben Martinez, co-founder of GlampingHub.com. "To the best of our knowledge, that's where the idea started and over the last few years the trend has grown."

Sometimes, the difference between camping and glamping is little: A canvas tent and a real bed, versus nylon and a bedroll. But most anything can be glamping if it's not a traditional house, hotel, RV or cabin and provides immediate access to nature.

"These places keep popping up," Martinez said. "They range from relatively simple tents, tree houses, yurts to the really extravagant."

How extravagant?

"Some of these places have butlers, they have wine service, fantastic views, king-sized bed — you name it," he said. "Some of these places can be pretty ridiculous."

One of Canada's most glamorous is the Clayoquot Wilderness Resort.

"We're in the heart of Clayoquot Sound in the middle of the UNESCO world biosphere," said Katherine MacRae, director of marketing for the resort. "We're 40 minutes by boat to the closest town and there's no road access."

The all-inclusive resort includes the seaplane trip from Vancouver, locally sourced five-course meals with wine pairings and activities.

"We have world-class salmon fishing out here, horseback riding is one of our big adventures," said MacRae, adding there's also a spa, hiking, skeet shooting, kayaking, archery, rock climbing and paintball.

MacRae says her resort was the original North American tented safari. An all-inclusive tent for two costs $9,500 for three nights.

Canada has its fair share of yurts, but glamorous camping is worldwide.

At the Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle in Thailand, you'll arrive riding an elephant to your tent, which is billed as "reminiscent of 19th-century adventure expeditions with handcrafted furniture, hardwood floors and traditional thatched roofs."

From there, you eat fine Thai dining, go to the spa, swim in one of the pools or go on an excursion.

Prices fluctuate, but three nights for two guests in January 2014 will cost more than $10,000 for the "superior" tent, more for the "deluxe."

Metro tries it out

Liz 'n' Liz go glamping

Last week, Metro writers and avid campers Liz Brown and Liz Beddall gave glamping a try with Long Point Eco-Adventures in St. Williams, Ont. Here's what they thought of the experience:

Liz Brown and Liz Beddall toast to the good life on the porch of their wilderness suite with Long Point Eco-Adventures in St. Williams, Ont. Aside from offering visitors luxury accommodations and on-site activities, the facility prides itself on being deeply eco-conscious. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Beddall: Well Liz, we went glamping and survived. Nay — thrived! When's the last time you returned from a wilderness excursion with thoroughly conditioned hair and a belly warm with Pinot Noir?

Brown: Never, Liz. But I've also never set up camp across the road from a winery — Burning Kiln Winery to be exact. But the best perk for me was a flush toilet inside the tent. No more hikes to the outdoor can for me!

Beddall: I felt the pièce de résistance of our stay was the king-sized bed we snoozed in after our Zodiac boat tour and astronomy lesson. The plump pillows were a slight step up from the toilet paper roll I once employed on a canoe trip to cushion my cranium against a bed of rocks.

Brown: What about the built-in shower? I had some doubts about scrubbing up in the open air, but the stream of steamy water on a cool morning was incredibly refreshing. But enough about the tent, what about the activities?

Beddall: Once we left our tent of wonders, the glamping experience seemingly ceased. Zip-lining high above the Long Point Bay World Biosphere is not, at least for me, a soothing experience. Having those options made me feel less like I was a traitor to the camping community. You?

Brown: Let's not kid ourselves. We're losing some roughing-it cred by waxing on about glamping. Saying we went zip-lining isn't going to redeem us.

Beddall: You're right. The likelihood of us being excommunicated from the backwoods brotherhood is high. But Liz, no one can fault us for accepting a pizza delivered directly to our tent, courtesy of local restaurant Surfside Pizza.

Brown: True. And it's not like hardcore campers come out of the bush looking forward to a homecoming meal of jerky and granola. So, what's the verdict? Are you a glamping convert?

Beddall: Liz, the call of the unvarnished wilderness will always grunt loudly in my ear, but I'll never forget the sweet, siren-song of the ever so decadent Eco-Adventures camp in St. Williams.

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Glamping vs. camping

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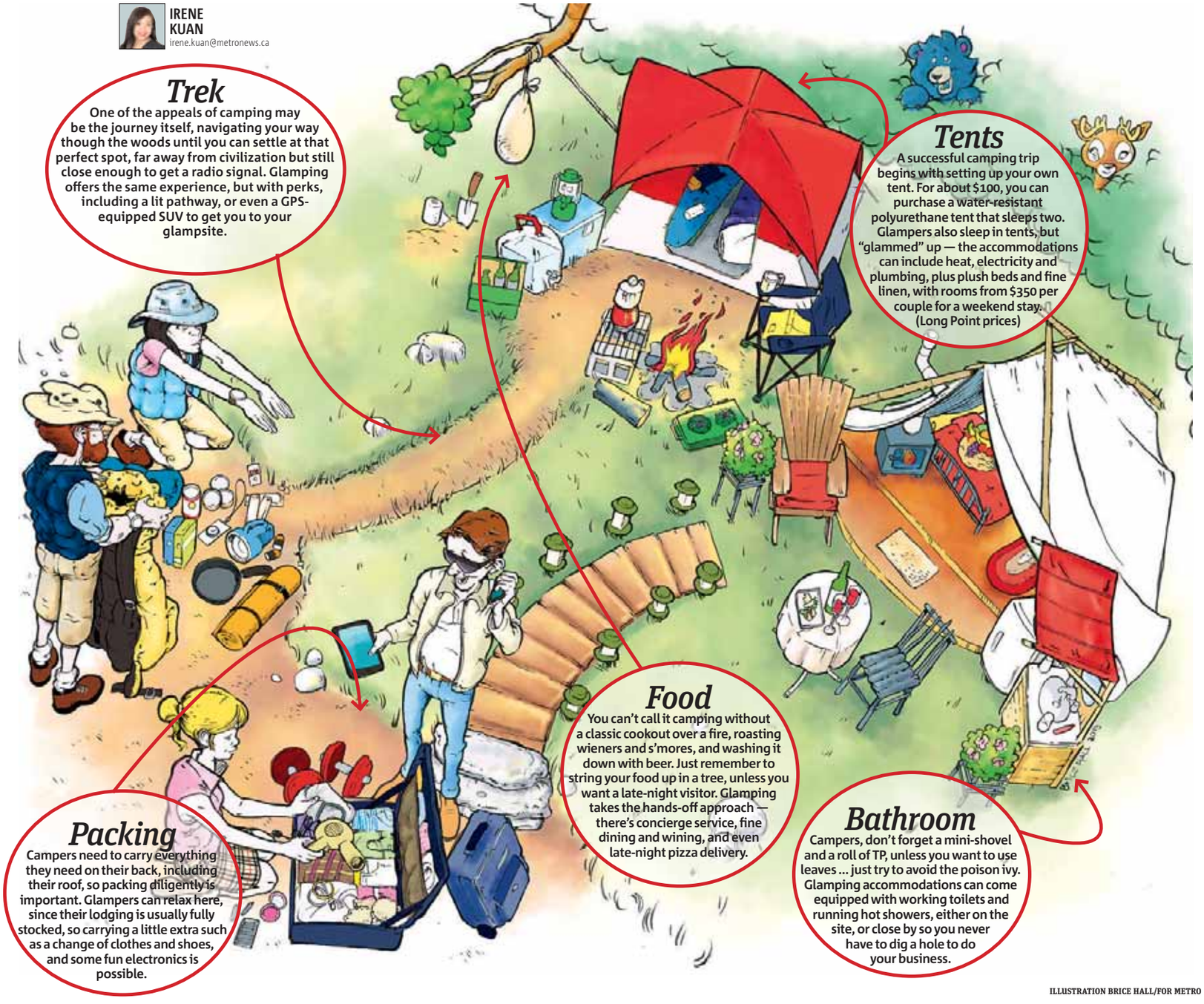
Trek
One of the appeals of camping may be the journey itself, navigating your way though the woods until you can settle at that perfect spot, far away from civilization but still close enough to get a radio signal. Glamping offers the same experience, but with perks, including a lit pathway, or even a GPS-equipped SUV to get you to your glampsite.
Tents
A successful camping trip begins with setting up your own tent. For about $100, you can purchase a water-resistant polyurethane tent that sleeps two. Glampers also sleep in tents, but "glammed" up — the accommodations can include heat, electricity and plumbing, plus plush beds and fine linen, with rooms from $350 per couple for a weekend stay. (Long Point prices)
Food
You can't call it camping without a classic cookout over a fire, roasting wieners and s'mores, and washing it down with beer. Just remember to string your food up in a tree, unless you want a late-night visitor. Glamping takes the hands-off approach — there's concierge service, fine dining and wining, and even late-night pizza delivery.
Packing
Campers need to carry everything they need on their back, including their roof, so packing diligently is important. Glampers can relax here, since their lodging is usually fully stocked, so carrying a little extra such as a change of clothes and shoes, and some fun electronics is possible.
Bathroom
Campers, don't forget a mini-shovel and a roll of TP, unless you want to use leaves ... just try to avoid the poison ivy. Glamping accommodations can come equipped with working toilets and running hot showers, either on the site, or close by so you never have to dig a hole to do your business.

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Oh Gadd: Silly glampers, heels are for cities

Glamping may seem like a good idea to some, but to an expert camper it's a "silly" idea.

Ben Gadd, naturalist, geologist and author of the Canadian Hiker's and Backpacker's Handbook, is an expert in helping ordinary people experience the wilderness.

He was a guide at Jasper National Park in Alberta for more than 30 years and glamping doesn't impress him at all.

"I think glamping sounds quite silly, but fun," said Gadd.

"It's as if you're taking the most extreme elements of city life, like high heels and glasses of wine, and you're taking that into the situation where we lived as hunter-gatherers.

"It seems to me almost a spoof. I couldn't take it seriously. I don't know how it would have some sort of benefit to you."

Asked why people from the cities go into the wilderness, Gadd says: "It's because, I think, that's where we come from.

"Our species grew up in the wilderness and, like any other organism, we search out the environment in which we're most likely to prosper.

"Any creature knows that instinctively."

If people want to try serious camping, the Alpine Club of Canada has a network of groups, events and mountain huts to help. Visit alpineclubofcanada.ca for information. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Ben Gadd CONTRIBUTED

Ikea's upscale collection a winner

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Every three years mass market furnishings retailer, Ikea, introduces a much anticipated upscale collection of furnishing and home accessories.

This year, the coveted Stockholm Collection is introduced in limited quantities to the 325 stores in 40 countries around the world, bringing high-design at still very affordable prices.

With trends emerging like walnut wood furnishing, Kelly green and citrus yellow colours, it looks like this special collection will be on-trend for a long time.

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Holy easy to make guacamole!

This recipe makes 2/3 cup (160 ml). COURTESY ROSE REISMAN

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There is nothing more delicious than homemade guacamole.

The key is finding a ripe avocado for the delicate texture and flavour.

Store unripe avocados in a paper bag, but don't refrigerate them.

1. Combine the avocado, cilantro, tomatoes, mayonnaise, jalapeño, garlic, lemon juice, and salt and pepper in a small bowl.

2. Serve with crackers, crudités or as a garnish.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup mashed ripe avocado
- 2 tbsp chopped cilantro
- 1/3 cup finely diced tomatoes
- 1 tbsp light mayonnaise (50 % reduced)
- 1 tsp finely chopped jalapeno pepper (or 1/2 tsp/2 1/2 ml hot chili sauce)
- 1/2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 2 tsp lemon or lime juice
- pinch of salt and pepper

Guac facts

- **Prep.** This recipe takes only 10 minutes to put together.
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BACK TO SCHOOL

Thursday, August 15, 2013

Model good reading habits for your children and continue reading to your kids even after they can read on their own. JACK HOLLINGSWORTH/PHOTODISC/THINKSTOCK

The early bookworm gets the grades

MICHELLE WILLIAMS
For Metro

Not every child is a born reader, but there are ways to encourage your child to become a good reader.

Start by letting them read what they enjoy.

"Your child will be most engaged when you discover reading materials that interest them," said Halton (Ontario) District School Board elementary school teacher Kevin Foster. "It doesn't have to be standard reading material. Comic books, graphic novels and magazines all have great text features that tie in to the visuals for easier comprehension."

Head to the library or bookstore together and discover subjects they enjoy reading about, then be sure to have those books or reading materials on hand.

Be sure that the level is appropriate by previewing what they read.

Easier comprehension

"It doesn't have to be standard reading material. Comic books, graphic novels and magazines all have great text features that tie in to the visuals for easier comprehension."

Kevin Foster, Halton (Ontario) District School Board elementary school teacher

"If it's too difficult, kids get frustrated and disengage," Foster said.

He suggests the "five-finger rule" — if there are more than five words your child is struggling with on the page, then the book may be too difficult for them.

Think outside the printed page.

"Kids who are spending time on a computer are often getting in lots of reading online," Foster said. "There are all sorts of cool websites that will engage young readers."

You can also take it outside — read things together like menus, road signs and licence plates.

"Let kids experience reading in many different ways and settings."

Model good reading habits for your children. Read a lot yourself and continue reading to your kids even after they can read on their own.

"It's important to demonstrate great fluency, intonation and expression so they see that reading is more than decoding words," Foster said.

Remember to stop and ask questions.

"It's a great way to make deeper connections with their past experiences and to check their comprehension."

Finally, set aside some quiet time for reading to foster independence, as well as reading skills.

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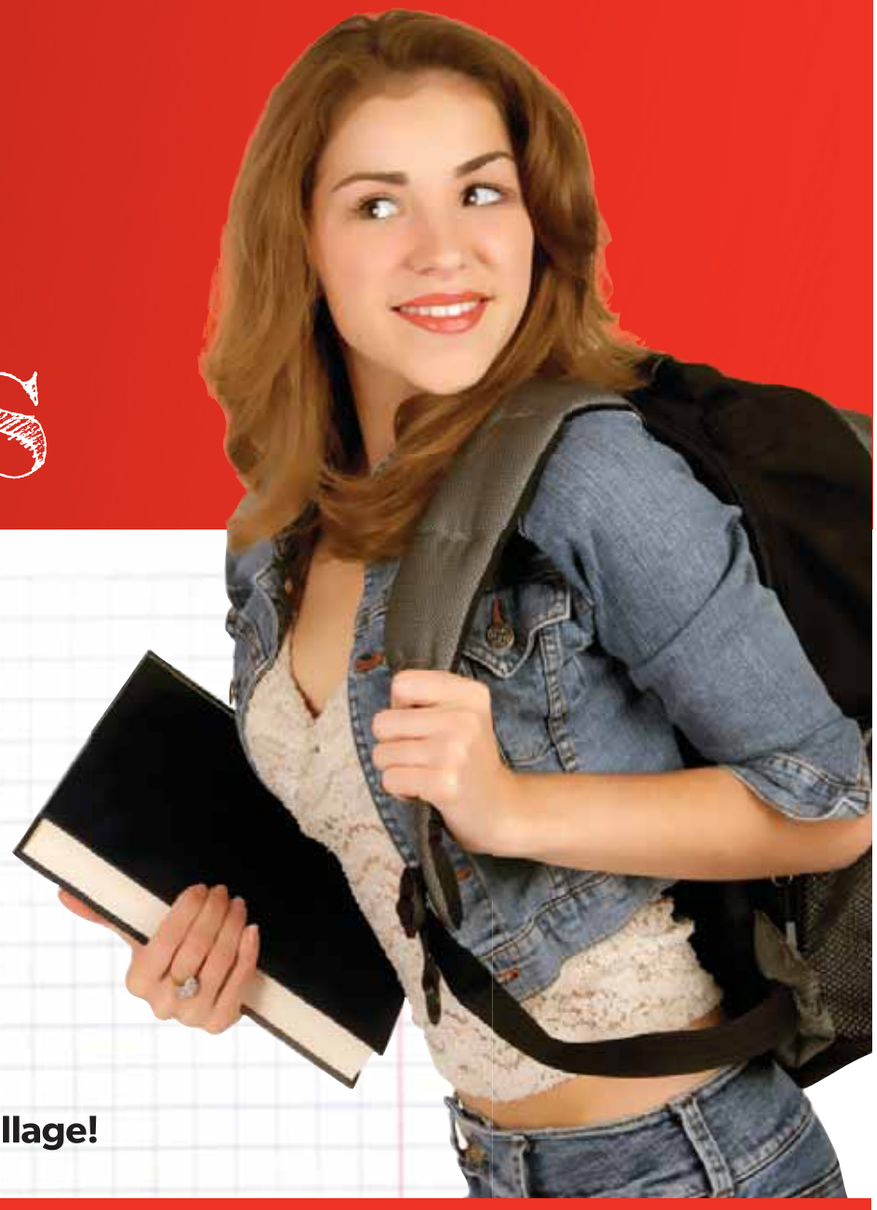

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A few notes about music

Studies have shown that music helps children perform better in math and their language development is enhanced. TOP PHOTO GROUP/THINKSTOCK

Music has been proven to boost school performance

MICHELLE WILLIAMS
For Metro

Whether kids are listening, playing or singing, all experts agree that music is a valuable component of a child's education.

"Music helps children learn in so many ways," said Lena Palermo, a music teacher with the Toronto Catholic District School Board and director of Star Potential Studios, a children's musical theatre company. "Music has been proven to boost how kids perform in school."

Studies have shown that music has a powerful effect on a child's achievement — they perform better in math, their language development is enhanced, and they score higher on IQ tests.

Form of self-expression

"Music can be improvised, like art, so it can be a child's own form of self-expression and creativity."

Lena Palermo, a music teacher with the Toronto Catholic District School Board

Music has many other benefits for children.

"It gives kids a sense of identity, especially when they're part of a group," Palermo said. "There's team work involved in making the right sound, so music in this sense provides a sense of inclusion, helps build social skills, friendships and confidence. And when you focus on music, you leave everything else at the door. You're welcomed into that different space, so it's a great stress reliever."

The breathing techniques you learn when you sing or play an instrument are also ideal for relieving stress and enhancing posture.

Creatively, music is a perfect way for kids to express themselves.

"Music can be improvised, like art, so it can be a child's own form of self-expression and creativity," Palermo said.

Learning to play an instrument also teaches children about patience.

"Our kids are so used to immediate gratification. Playing an instrument requires a lot of repetition and work, time and practice, so patience and persistence are natural outcomes of learning music."

What can parents do to foster a love of music and encourage kids to become more musical?

"Students learn some musical basics in school; once they know how to read notes, it's easier for them to learn an instrument," Palermo said.

There are community programs to teach kids the basics of instruments like piano and guitar.

The popularity of TV singing competitions and the TV show Glee has also promoted an interest in singing, choirs and glee clubs.

Call a local music school or check online for opportunities in your neighbourhood for musical theatre groups, classes and camps.

Building friendships

It's not always easy to make new friends, more so if your child is moving to a new school. When should parents worry about how their children are managing socially at school?

Kathy Lynn, a parenting expert, speaker and author of Parenting Today, suggests that a good strategy when switching schools or helping kids forge new friendships is to get them involved in activities, sports or clubs that they are interested in at school.

"It's a great way for kids to break in and find friends who are like-minded and have similar interests."

Initially, assume children are managing well unless there are warning signs.

"If your child isn't talking about other kids, seems to always be alone or is having trouble sleeping, then have a talk," Lynn said.

One way to help your child is role playing. Show your child how to approach another child or group and ask if it's OK to join in.

"Kids don't pick up the social cues when someone wants to join in, so it's important to teach your child to seek out friendships — and perhaps notice others who are looking to make new friends."

It's also essential to welcome kids into your home.

"Make your house the place where other kids want to come and play, have snacks, make noise and a mess," Lynn said.

Finally, don't worry if your child doesn't have a big group of friends.

"Some kids are happy with one or two close friends, and it's important to honour their personalities and let them be who they are."

MICHELLE WILLIAMS

Help kids forge new friendships by getting them involved in activities, sports or clubs that they are interested in at school. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

Optimize your child's school learning experience

The countdown is on ... only a few short weeks until the first school bell.

What can parents do to make sure that kids are prepared to learn and get the most out of school?

"For starters, ensure that your children are happy and excited about learning and about the new school year," said Cassandra Alviani-Alvarez, a principal with the Toronto District School Board.

"Go online and check out the curriculum. See what's coming up and start a dialogue with your kids about what they'll be learning. Focus on how great it will be to be back at school."

An important component to keeping kids happy is creating a comfortable and relaxed environment at home.

"A peaceful house is very important. A lot of friction in the household impedes kids' learning, so try and keep things calm and caring."

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It's also important for parents to make school and education a top priority in the household.

"There are lots of ways a parent can make this happen," Alviani-Alvarez said. "Set a special space aside in the house to do homework, and an inspired learning area for kids to express their creative side with music, games, book, art materials and more."

Another good idea is extending their learning at home.

"If the class is learning about plants, do some planting at home and watch things grow. If they're studying the weather, follow weather forecasts and learn about it together."

Studies show that kids do better in school when their parents are actively involved.

"Introduce yourself to your child's teacher at the beginning of the school year," Alviani-Alvarez said. "Kids feel better knowing that their parents and teacher are partners in learning. Encourage your child to ask questions of the teacher, and help your child become more confident and succeed in the classroom by enlisting the help of the teacher if your child is shy, timid or lacks self-assurance.

"Also, volunteer periodically in the classroom or go along on field trips. It helps build a child's confidence and reinforces your commitment to his or her education."

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The world is your classroom

Home-schooling. Kids can learn in various and unique environments when studying at home

Computers and the Internet have certainly made the task of home-schooling easier. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

MICHELLE WILLIAMS
For Metro

Have you ever thought about home-schooling? Here is how one Canadian mom goes about educating her family and why she does it.

Home-schooling may evoke visions of your kids sitting at the kitchen table while mom stands in front teaching a lesson. But for most of the thousands of Canadian kids who are home-schooled, that's not the reality, says Judy Arnall, a Calgary mother, author and speaker, who has home-schooled all five of her children and is writing a book on the subject.

"One myth is that parents think you're spending six hours a day sitting with the kids doing class work," Arnall said. "Most home-schooling parents spend little or no time doing this. The goal as a home-schooling parent is to make sure your kids learn and have fun. We like to think of the world as our classroom."

So how do they spend their day?

"At breakfast, we decide what we're going to do. It might be visiting a museum or zoo, socializing with other home-schooling families, spending time on the computer, drawing, reading books or preparing meals together. We're learning in every environment because kids are learning all the time."

Research shows that kids who are home-schooled flourish. Three of Arnall's children are now doing well at university. She believes there are no negatives when it comes to home-schooling children.

On the home front, the Internet has certainly made the task of home-schooling easier.

"There's so much information available online for parents to access. And kids love using the computer to learn."

Besides provincial curriculum links that parents can access, there are many other ways to teach and learn online.

And what about the social aspect of home-schooling?

"I think this is a bigger challenge for families with one child. But joining a home-school group is a great way for the kids to learn and have fun together."

If you are considering home-schooling, take it a year at a time, says Arnall.

"Try it and see. Your kids can always go back to school if it's not for you. They won't miss out. The time spent with you is enriching and it builds their confidence and love of learning."

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MICHELLE WILLIAMS
For Metro

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Backpacks are an integral part of going back to school. The students in your family will look forward to walking the halls with one of these new backpacks that are functional as well as good looking.

Mountain Equipment Co-op MEC Book Bag is colourful and great looking, perfect for your dazzling student. Plus, it's super sturdy to last and comes in a great range of colours. ($42, mec.ca).

New Balance Performance Backpack is strong and versatile, with cushioned shoulder straps, a shoe tunnel, tons of storage and room for your laptop. ($69.99, futureshop.ca).

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The Blue Jays' Kevin Pillar, who was called up after the team traded Emilio Bonifacio, makes a diving catch off a ball hit by Jonny Gomes as he makes his major-league debut against the Red Sox in Toronto on Wednesday. The Jays walked off with a 4-3 win in the 10th inning. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jays stretched to the limit in extras

MLB. Davis sparks Toronto's 10th-inning win over Boston to end 3-game losing streak

Rajai Davis had two doubles and scored the winning run in the 10th inning as the Toronto Blue Jays snapped a three-game slide with a 4-3 win over the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday.

Edwin Encarnacion hit two doubles and scored a run for the Blue Jays (55-65), while starter Esmil Rogers (3-7) pitched six innings with six strikeouts, five hits and an earned run. Reliever Brett Cecil ruined Rogers' chance at a win though, blowing Toronto's 3-1 lead in the ninth inning.

Brad Lincoln pitched an inning and a third in relief to earn the win for Toronto.

Designated hitter David Ortiz hit a home run for Boston (72-50) as did Mike Napoli, whose two-run shot in the ninth with two outs tied the game at 3. Jon Lester (10-7) gave up three runs — two earned — and fanned three hitters over six and a third innings of work. Brandon Workman (3-2) pitched three innings for the Red Sox and took the loss.

Davis drew cheers when he led off the bottom of the 10th with his second double of the game. He then advanced to third base on Jose Bautista's groundout to short.

Workman then intentionally walked Encarnacion to put runners on the corners. With Brett Lawrie at the plate, Encarnacion stole second base.

Lawrie then hit a sharp single off the glove of Boston shortstop Stephen Drew to drive home Davis and end the game. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Roster moves

Earlier Wednesday, the Blue Jays traded Emilio Bonifacio to the Kansas City Royals for a player to be named later or cash.

- The 28-year-old, who the Jays acquired last off-season in a trade with the Florida Marlins, hit .218 as a utility player this season.
- Munenori Kawasaki and Kevin Pillar were recalled from triple-A Buffalo to fill the void left by Bonifacio and Colby Rasmus, who was on the 15-day disabled list.

NFL

Brady goes down in Pats practice

Tom Brady walked off the field under his own power. Several teammates didn't think he was hurt badly when he grabbed his left knee after being knocked down.

Yet the possibility that the New England Patriots might lose their star quarterback caused a scare at the team's joint practice with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Wednesday.

A person with knowledge of the injury said an MRI was negative and Brady was day-to-day with a left knee sprain.

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NHL

NBA owner to buy Devils: Source

A person familiar with the negotiations says Philadelphia 76ers owner Josh Harris will add the NHL's New Jersey Devils and the lease to their arena to his portfolio Thursday.

Attorneys for both sides were putting the final touches on the deal Wednesday that would allow Jeff Vanderbeek to sell his majority ownership to Harris, said the person, who asked not to be identified because neither party had announced the deal.

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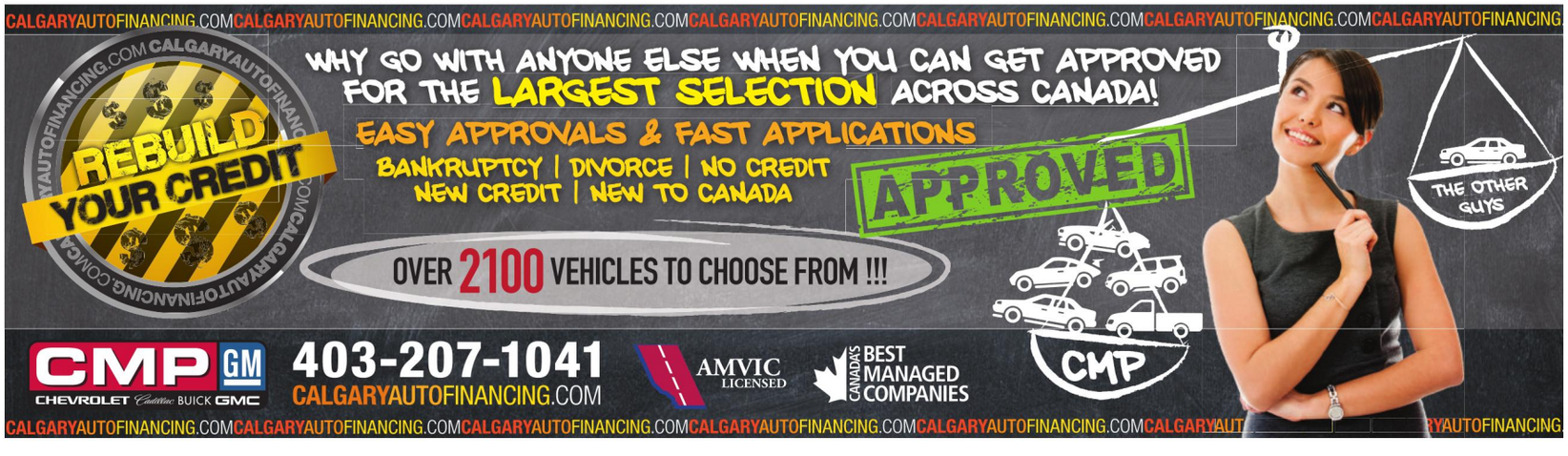
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Milos Raonic hits a backhand against Janko Tipsarevic on Wednesday in Mason, Ohio. Raonic won 6-4, 7-6 (4). AL BEHRMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raonic stands tall, his compatriots fall in second round

Tennis. Top-ranked Canadian cleans up his game to beat Tipsarevic in straight sets

Milos Raonic advanced to the third round of the Western & Southern Open on the same day fellow Canadians Vasek Pospisil and Eugenie Bouchard were knocked out.

The 12th-seeded Raonic beat Janko Tipsarevic in straight sets, 6-4, 7-6 (4) on Wednesday. It's his third win in as many tries over Tipsarevic, and comes a day after he struggled somewhat in a three-set first-round match over American Jack Sock.

"I played better than yesterday," Raonic said. "I was better from the baseline and created more opportunities for myself. It was a pretty clean match."

Raonic will face American John Isner next. Isner won their only other match in the Toronto quarter-finals a year ago.

"Isner will be tough. It will come down to a few points," Raonic said. "I have to serve well and keep the pressure on him in that sense. If I create opportunities I have to make the most of them and play as disciplined as possible."

Raonic, a native of Thornhill, Ont., became the first Canadian man to be ranked in the top 10 in the world after reaching the final of the Rogers Cup in Montreal. He lost to Rafael Nadal after beating Pospisil in the semifinals.

Pospisil, who rose to 40th in the world rankings after reaching the Rogers Cup semifinals, was upset Wednesday 7-5, 1-6, 7-6 (6) by Belgian qualifier David Goffin, who's ranked 80th.

Bouchard will get some rest after putting a scare into world No. 1 Serena Williams. Bouchard won the first set before Williams asserted herself in a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 victory.

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"I'm a little emotionally drained. Maybe it's good to rest before the (U.S.) Open."

Vasek Pospisil following his loss to David Goffin on Wednesday

Bidding adieu

Wimbledon champ retires

With her body aching after another loss, Wimbledon champion Marion Bartoli decided to retire Wednesday night, saying she could no longer deal with the continuous pain on the court.

Her tearful announcement at the Western & Southern Open came only two months after she pushed through the pain to win her greatest championship on Wimbledon's chewed-up grass.

"My body was really starting to fall apart and I was able to keep it together, go through the pain — with a lot of pain — throughout this Wimbledon and make it happen," the 28-year-old French player said, tears running down her cheeks. "That was probably the last little bit of something that was left inside me.

Bartoli's last match was a 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 loss to Simona Halep of Romania.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you start your day early and finish it late, you will get through ten tasks to every one your rivals manage to complete. Your momentum will keep you going through tomorrow and into the weekend.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You seem to be torn between options, unable to decide which is the best route. Sit quietly for a few minutes and let your intuition guide you. Deep down you already know what the answer is.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Ignore those who say you are going to fail, they don't know what they are talking about. Equally likely is that they fear your efforts will bring you huge success, making them look bad. Good — go for it!

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You don't have to face a tough situation alone today. You have friends all around you. All you have to do is reach out to them and they will gladly assist.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
With Mercury in your sign linked to genius planet Uranus, you will come up with ideas that could change the world. Even if you don't want to go that far, you can certainly change your life for the better.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The next 24 hours may be a bit too noisy for your tastes but you will get through it OK. Instead of trying to avoid loud people why not, for a short time, get loud yourself.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Do what makes you feel good, rather than what makes others feel good. You have every right to pursue your own happiness and prosperity. Anyone who tells you otherwise is a fool.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Changes in your career or social life may make it difficult to plan ahead but that is not a bad thing. Today's Mercury-Uranus link will throw up an unexpected opportunity. Grab it with both hands.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Sometimes it's OK to get angry. In fact, if someone annoys or provokes you today you must let them know about it in up-front terms. Some people, sadly, are simply too dim to learn any other way.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The best cure for doubt is action, so throw yourself at what you have to do today and forget everything else, at least for a while. You will find that what you have been worrying about is of no concern.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may look cool and calm to the world at large but deep down you are actually a sensitive person and you must not try to deny it. Let your passion drive your actions.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Open your mind to new possibilities, especially where money and related matters are concerned. Your instincts will guide you in the right direction.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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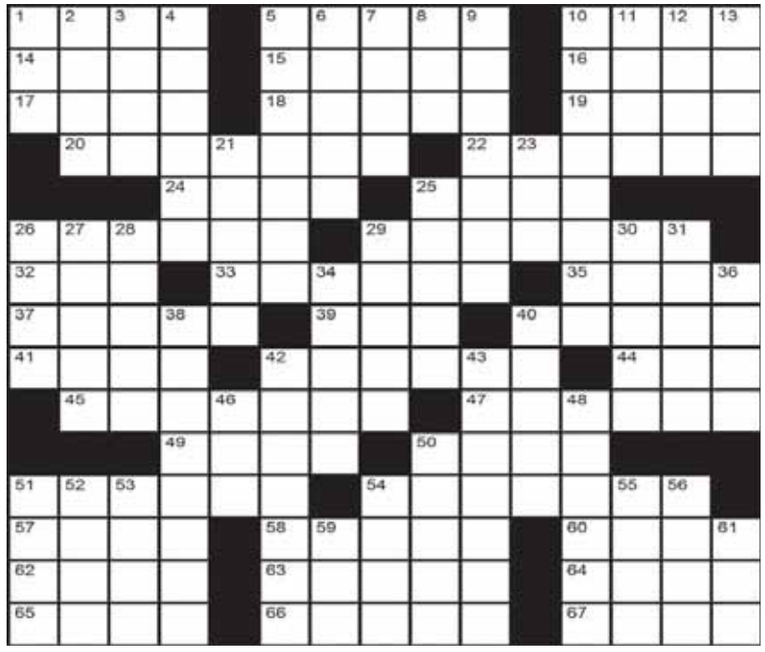


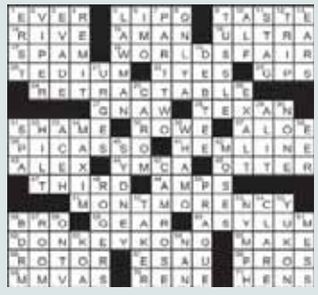
Across

1. Alphabet sequence
5. Military doc
10. Person, place or thing
14. __ mortals
15. Andrew Lloyd Webber musical
16. Competent
17. Regrettably
18. "__ '__ In": Wings song that goes "Someone's knockin' at the door."
19. Canadian hardware store
20. "Danny's Song" by Loggins and __
22. Belovedly win over
24. Superlative suffix
25. Move like a river
26. Art stands
29. Hybrid pastries currently a craze
32. Understood
33. Cowboy's prop
35. Dubai, United __ Emirates
37. Canadian actor Paul
39. Prince Valiant's son
40. Talk in a monotone
41. Colonnade of ancient Greek architecture
42. Machu __ (Inca archaeological site)
44. Stage actress Ms. Hagen
45. Toronto-born actress Ms. Watson whose name is Western-inspired
47. 2009 James Cameron movie
49. Vegetable variety
50. Dish of the day, __ du jour
51. Keep your cool: 2 wds.
54. __ cheese sandwich
57. __ the crack of dawn: 2 wds.
58. Detached in manner
60. Land amount
62. Ms. Remini
63. #10-Down's expression: "Doot __ Doot Doo..."
64. Certain carpet
65. Mr. Affleck's
66. County in England
67. "No Particular Place __ __" by Chuck Berry

Down

1. ABC's early li'l daytime show
2. Leadership position
3. "Dies __": Latin hymn meaning 'Day of Wrath'
4. Brit singer, __ J
5. "Canadian Idol" Season 3 winner Ms. O'Neil
6. Function
7. Ms. Von Teese
8. 'Meteor' suffix
9. Realm of Arthurian†legend
10. Interviewer, __ the Human Serviette
11. Woodwind
12. Forearm bone
13. Within earshot
21. Markets
23. Quebec turndown
25. Swiss currency
26. Scrambled servings
27. Major artery
28. "Cheers" seat
29. Approximately, in dates
30. Speckled fish
31. New†Mexico's capital, __ Fe
34. Broadway baritone John (b.1917 - d.2005)
36. Grizzly or Polar
38. Days of rest
40. Village in Saskatchewan
42. Fabricated beforehand
43. Nova Scotia's capital
46. Sushi bar's 'Unagi'
48. Etta James song Beyonce covered: 2 wds.
50. Worker, informally
51. Baby tulip
52. Sword sort
53. Scott of "Hawaii Five-0"
54. Mucky matters
55. Bon __ Provincial Park, ON
56. Pull along
59. 'L' in L.A.
61. Identity part

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

					7	4		
			6	8		7		
2	9	7				3		
8			7		4		6	
	3						9	
	7		8		1			4
		2				9	5	3
		4		6	2			
		3	5					

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	8	2	7	5	6	3	9	4
6	5	4	9	3	1	2	7	8
3	9	7	8	4	2	5	1	6
2	3	6	5	9	7	8	4	1
5	7	1	2	8	4	9	6	3
8	4	9	6	1	3	7	2	5
4	1	5	3	2	9	6	8	7
7	2	3	4	6	8	1	5	9
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